



**State of Maine  
Board of Corrections**

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Tom Brown  
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Anne Head  
George Jabar  
Tim King  
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\* Chair of the Board

**EXECUTIVE  
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Kate Snyder

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DIVERSION &  
REENTRY:**

Laura Rodas

**EXECUTIVE  
ASSOCIATES:**

Kelene Barrows  
April Fortier

**CORRECTIONS  
WORKING  
GROUP:**

Commissioner Joseph  
Ponte\*\*  
Sheriff Glenn Ross\*  
\*\*Interim Co-Chair  
\*Co-Chair

**FOCUS GROUPS:**

Budget  
Education  
Inventory of Needs  
Information Technology  
Medical/ Pharmacy  
Mental Health/Substance  
Abuse  
Pretrial/Diversion/Reentry  
Transportation  
Victim Services

April 13, 2011

To: Board Members  
From: Kate Snyder  
RE: Legislative Update

Maine's biennial budget process has been underway since September 2010, when the Board of Corrections submitted its initial biennial budget request. Since that time there has been substantial activity to position the Board's FY2012-2013 budget request in the best possible light.

The following is an accounting of important dates associated with the Board of Corrections' pursuit of General Fund money.

**September 1, 2010 – Biennial Budget Submission**

The Board's Fiscal Agent submitted a biennial budget request in the amount of \$9.6M (above the baseline budget); which represented a system wide budget increase of 2% in FY12 and 1.5% in FY13. This request was approved in Board Action Item #10-025 on August 11, 2011 and amended on September 1, 2010.

**December 15, 2010 – Budget Transition Team Meeting**

The LePage Budget Transition Budget Team met with Board members Neale Duffett, Irv Faunce and George Jabar to discuss the Board's September 1<sup>st</sup> biennial budget request. There was discussion about a probable amendment to increase the Board's Biennial Budget submission as a result of the newly adopted Growth Limit Methodology (Board Action Item #10-029 approved 12/8/10).

**January 19, 2011 – Biennial Budget Amendment**

Following a unanimous vote of the BOC to amend the biennial budget request, BOC Chairman Duffett sent a letter to Acting DAFS Commissioner Millett and the Budget Office that the Board has revised its biennial budget submission from \$9.6M to \$14.8M. It was noted that this amount is separate from (and in addition to) the Board's previously submitted request pursuant to the "inverse debt service" law codified at 34-A M.R.S.A. 1803(5)(E).

**January 21, 2011 – Board of Corrections Orientation Meeting with the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety (CJPS)**

On a very snowy day in January, Chairman Duffett addressed the newly sworn CJPS Committee and shared history, context and vision for the Board of Corrections.

**February 10, 2011 – BOC Annual Strategic Report delivered to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Pursuant to 34-A MRSA §1803 (10) the Board of Corrections presented its third annual report, communicating progress in meeting statutory goals to develop and implement a

unified corrections system that demonstrates sound fiscal management , achieves efficiencies and reduces recidivism.

**February 11, 2010 – Governor’s Budget Released**

Part A of the Governor’s Proposed General Fund Biennial Budget 2012-2013 (page A-126) indicated an additional \$3.5M in General Fund money to the Board of Corrections’ Investment Fund for each year of the biennium.

**March 16, 2011 -- Board of Corrections Testimony to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs (AFA)**

Chairman Duffett and Board members Commissioner George Jabar and Sheriff Randall Liberty presented unanimously approved testimony to AFA and CJPS.

**March 28, 2011 – Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety Work Session**

Members of CJPS voted 8-5 to recommend the BOC Investment Fund Initiative of \$3.5M in both FY12 and FY13.

**April 4, 2011 – BOC Response to Representative Martin’s Request for Information**

Response to a request for information from Representative Martin dated 3/23/11. Information requested included status of reimbursements to the Investment Fund from Mission Change counties, the size of county facilities and their mission change status, and timeliness and comparison of financial reporting including surplus.

**April 6, 2011 – BOC response to Representative Plummer’s Request for Information**

Response to Representative Plummer’s request for information regarding county correctional services.

**April 7, 2011- Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety presents Committee recommendations regarding LD1043 (An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, general Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013) to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

The co-chairs of CJPS presented their Committee’s recommendation to approve the BOC Investment Fund Initiative of \$3.5M in both FY12 and FY13.

Chairman Duffett provided answers to several questions from the Committees.